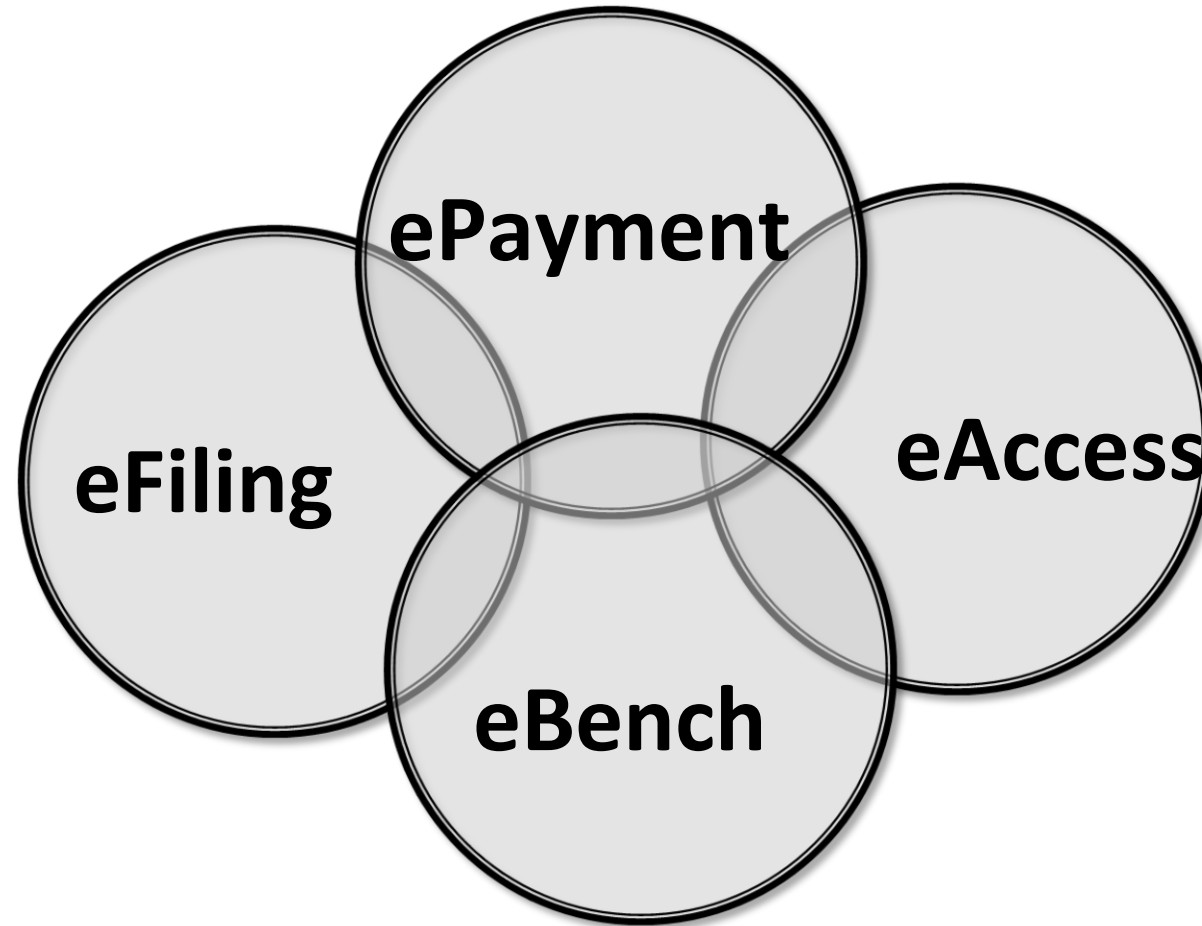


# eCourt Services Program Projects Update

Commission on Technology  
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# eCourt Services Program: An Integrated Project Approach



# eBench

An automated **judicial decision support system** designed to eliminate the reliance on paper.

A system for the judges.

Does not replace the CMS.

# eBench Features & Benefits

- Quickly locate words/phrases within one or multiple documents
- Personal research folders
- Private or shared document annotation
- Private or shared case notes
- On-the-fly index for key information
- Easily work with digital documents
- No paper case files
- Improved efficiency
- Time savings

# eBench

- Successful partnership with Pima Superior Court, Pima Clerk of Court, AOC and Mentis Technologies
- Pilot launched in Pima on August 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 Superior Court Judges and Supporting Staff
  - Criminal, Civil and Family





# Courthouse News Service



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## Ariz. Judges Give 'eBench' Tech High Marks

By TIM HULL



TUCSON (CN) - Two weeks into testing a new "eBench" project that has installed touch-screen case-management monitors in a few Tucson courtrooms, judges have discovered that the state-of-the-art technology is having at least one desired effect: It's making them look smarter.

Three judges in Pima County Superior Court are currently using the monitors or "dashboards" during hearings and trials, with long-term plans to spread the technology to all of Pima Superior's 52 judges and, eventually, on to other courthouses throughout the state.

Developed by Florida-based Mentis Technologies, the eBench interface, a large screen attached to the bench in a courtroom and angled so that litigants can still face their judge, allows judges to complete full-text searches of documents and statutes with just a few finger flicks. Integrated with the court's case-management system, eBench also allows judges to view and change their calendars quickly, and links their electronic comments with case files so they can be viewed by judicial assistants and clerks.

"My goal is, hopefully, [that] it's seamless for those that are appearing in front of me ... and that I appear smarter," Judge Jeffrey Bergin, presiding judge of the family law bench, told Courthouse News during a recent demonstration of the new system.

"I am able to quickly go to parts of the file that I think are important, or they mention during the hearing, and I can bring it up while we are talking and I can look at it and I can reference it," Bergin said. "So even if I hadn't totally digested it prior to walking into the courtroom, I am able to do it while we are there and talk intelligently."

While sliding through different screens, still a bit

# eBench

- Planning underway for AJACS courts
  - Pilot in Yavapai County Superior Court
  - Functional requirements complete
  - Development beginning

# eFile

## AZTurboCourt





# Print Forms Expansion

- Small Claims, LJ Civil, Eviction Action  
Print Forms
  - Navajo Justice Courts (September)
  - Yavapai justice courts (September)
  - Graham Justice Courts (Late 2014)

# Expansion of Services in Maricopa County

- Ability to file tax cases (Large Tax) through AZTurboCourt
- Ability for Process Servers to file into Maricopa Superior Court through AZTurboCourt

# Pima Project Expansion

- Next Steps: Participant Matching
  - Fixes currently in development
  - Next test cycle November 2014
  - Production Release anticipated Late 2014/Early 2015

# eFile Services: Update



# Vision Recap

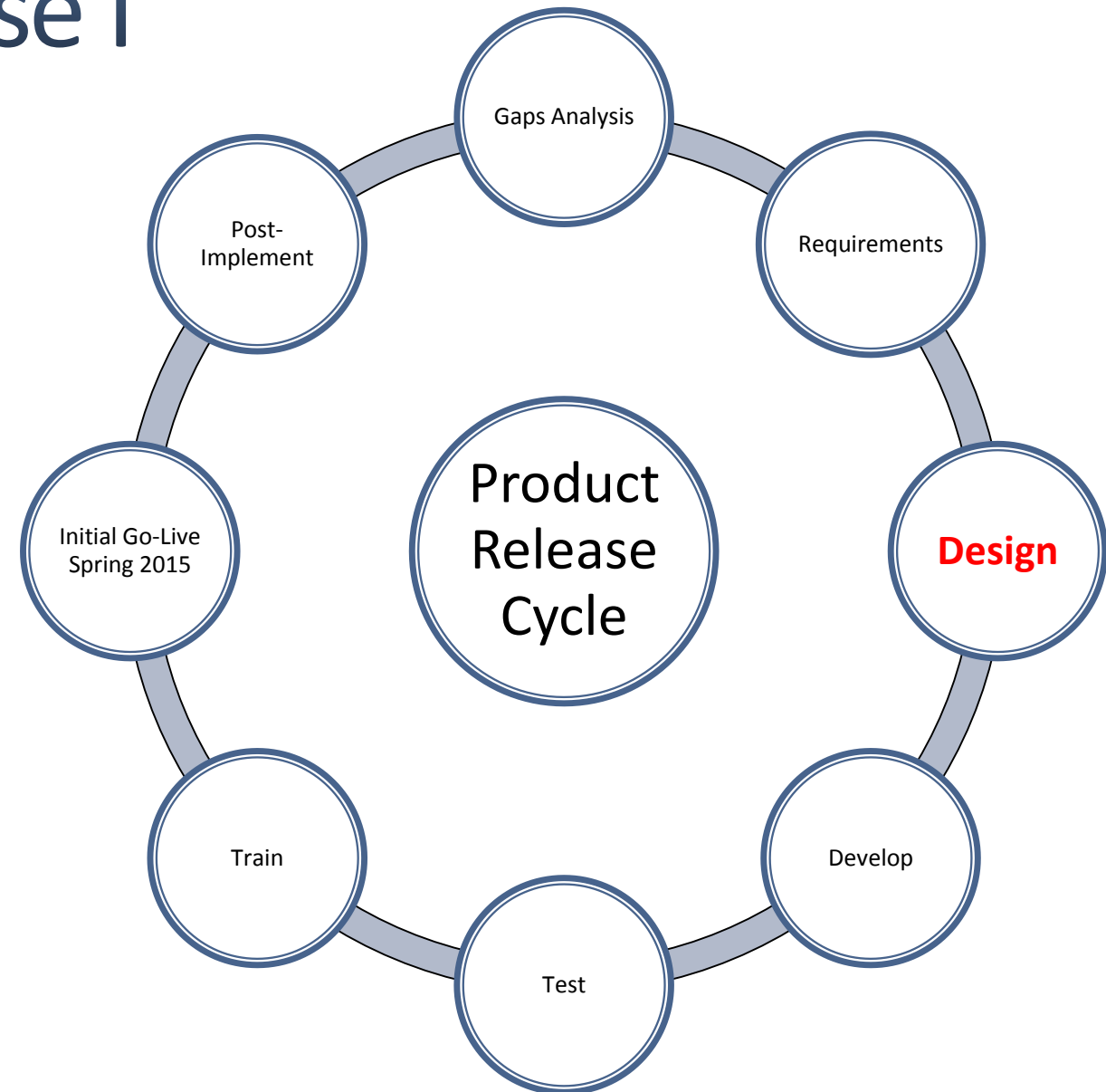
- All courts, all case types
- Multi-vendor filing model
  - Provide eFiling vendor choices
  - Opportunity for vendors with niche/value-added product sets





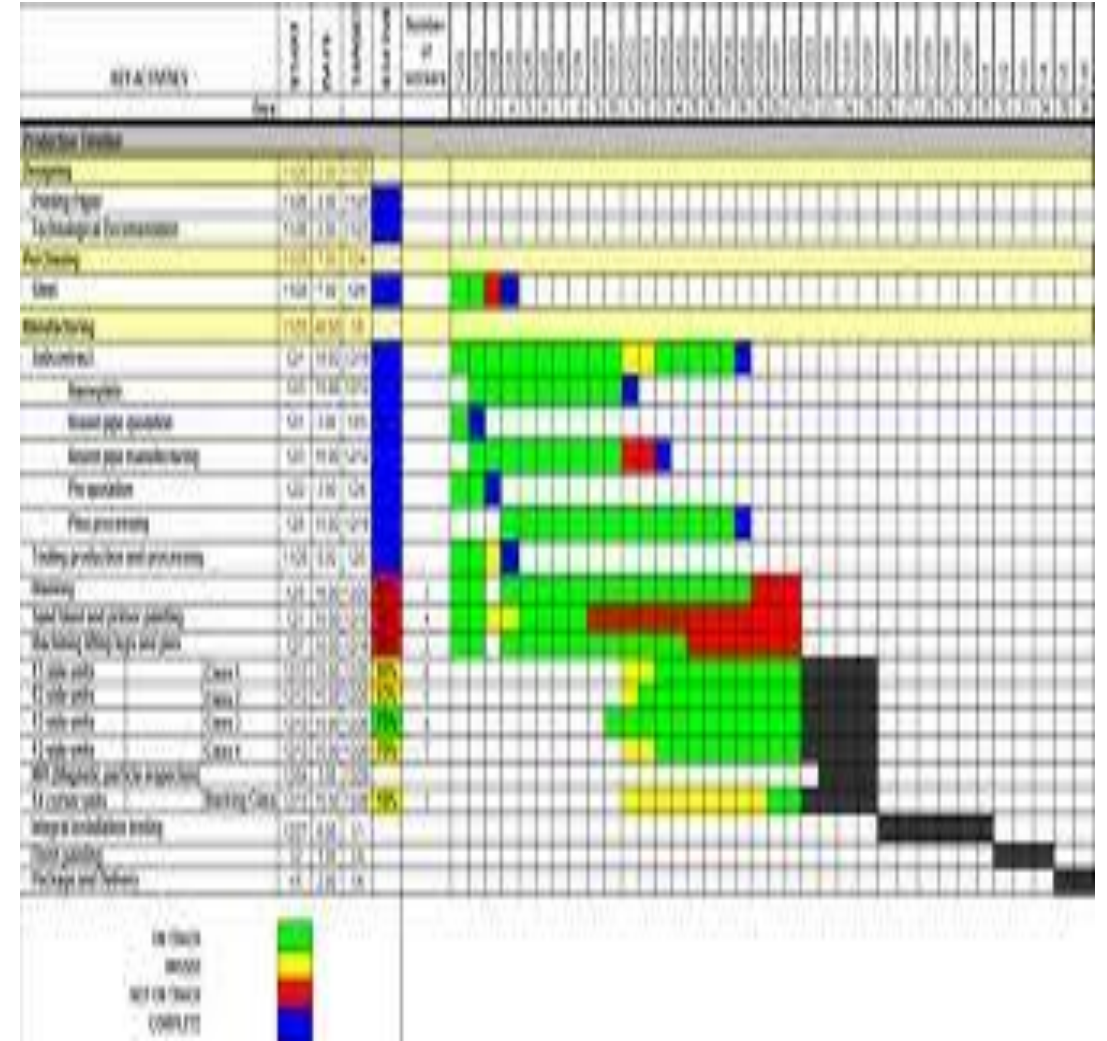
# eUniversa Product Release I

- Completed
  - Gap Analysis
  - Requirements Specifications
- In Progress
  - Design Specifications
  - AJACS-GJ Coordination
  - eBench Coordination
- Next Steps
  - Develop, Test, Train, Deploy
  - Pilot in AJACS Superior Court



# Pilot Dependencies

- TurboCourt Enhancements (Participant Matching)
- AJACS-GJ Development & Integration
- eBench
- Payment Portal



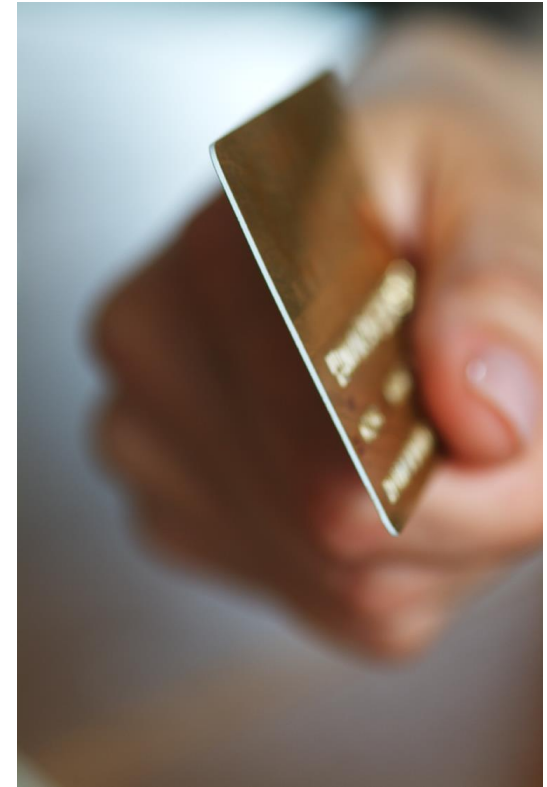
# Next Steps

- eUniversa Product Release
  - AJACS-GJ Pilot (General Civil)
  - General AJACS-GJ Rollout
  - Progressively Introduce New Case Types



# ePayment

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# ePayment

- Necessary to process payments for eFiling (eUniversa)
- Will be used for any future eCourt Services Applications requiring payment processing
- Preliminary investigation and discovery done
- Preparing for a RFP